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LUTON BOOK WEEK

On Monday, February 18, Sir Alan Herbert, M.P., opened the Luton Book Week, the first N.B.L. Book Week to be organised for the benefit of the entire population—young and adult—of a great British town. It was directed by Mr. Frank M. Gardner, F.L.A., the Borough Librarian, who had very substantial backing for the project from the Public Library Committee. During the Week there were talks in the evening at the Assembly Hall by Mr. A. G.



An interesting feature of the effigies from Westminster Abbey which have been on exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum is the number of figures which are depicted reading books. The one reproduced here is of St. Anne teaching the Virgin to read

Street ("From Plough to Pen"), Miss Phyllis Bentley ("Character and the Novelist"), Mr. Herbert Hodge ("Adventures of a Freelance Writer") and Lord Elton ("Books in the New Age"). During the mornings and afternoons a number of distinguished writers visited the schools and talked to the children.

During the Week a large part of the Luton Central Library was devoted to exhibitions. There were special collections of books for adult readers, for youth, and for children. There was a selection of early and rare children's books lent by Mr. Edgar Osborne, F.L.A., and a collection of fine bindings, showing the development of this craft from the beginning of printing, lent by Mr. A. Ehrman. There was also an exhibition of "Books of the United Nations", and there were exhibits demonstrating methods of book-production, printing and illustration.

An interesting feature was a display of the "Ten Favourite Books" recently chosen for the N.B.L. by ten distinguished men and women, alongside selections of "Ten Favourite Books" chosen by ten local personalities.

DARLINGTON BRANCH

The formation of a Branch of the National Book League in Darlington is under consideration. Will any members in or near Darlington who are interested in this proposal get in touch with Mrs. Lowther, The Public Library, Darlington, or with our Northern Representative, Mr. Garry Hogg, Roeburn, Higher Greaves, Lancaster.

LIFE MEMBERS

Since the December issue of *Books* appeared the following have taken up Life Membership of the League: Sr. M. Aguilar, Miss I. R. Beard, Miss H. Patton Brown, Miss S. Coole, Mr. David Higham, Mrs. G. W. H. James, Miss E. J. Leversuch, Mr. T. M. Longman, Mr. J. C. Mayo, Captain J. M. Mitchison, Miss E. M. Obery, Mr. Conal O'Riordan, Mr. C. G. Richards, Mr. F. D. Sanders, and Mr. J. M. B. Wright.

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